

REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of this amendment, which amends claims 9- 12, and 18-20, and adds new claims 21-22, claims 9-12 and 14-22 will be pending. In the office action, claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter; claims 9-11 and 14-20 are rejected under non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,789,109; and claims 9, 11, 14-19, and 20 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being unanticipated by Matsushita (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,545). Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Harada

Applicants note that a “Harada” reference was referenced in the preliminary amendment mailed March 22, 2004. Applicants mistakenly referred to Harada. The reference Applicants meant to refer to was Matsushita (U.S. Patent No. 5,850,545. As the Examiner will see, the quotes cited in the preliminary amendment correspond to text in Matsushita.

Section 101 Rejections

Claim 20 was rejected under 35 USC §101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In response, applicants have amended claim 20 to read: “a computer-readable storage medium” as suggested by the Examiner. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Double-patenting rejections

Claims 9-12 and 14-20 were rejected under non-statutory obviousness-double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,789,101. In response, applicants have provided a terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection.

Section 102 Rejections

Claim 9 was rejected under 35USC§102(b) as being anticipated by Matsushita. Applicants submit that claim 9 does not disclose or suggest every element of claim 9, as amended. For example, Matsushita fails to disclose or suggest transferring the saved settings to a remote location and information for the current state of operation, wherein if the remote location cannot recreate the state of the application program, the information for the current state of operation allows the remote location to display the information.

Matsushita discloses an environment where users can set their own environments for the application program. Nowhere in Matsushita is it disclosed or suggested that information for a current state of operation of the environment can be displayed when the application program cannot recreate the state of the application program. Rather, in Matsushita, it is anticipated that the application program can create the environment. See *Matsushita*, Abstract.

Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claim 9. Claims 10 and 21 depend from claim 9 and thus derive patentability at least therefrom. These claims also recite additional non-obvious and novel features. For example, claim 21 recites that the information for the current state of operation allows a remote location to display the information without having the application program present on the remote location.

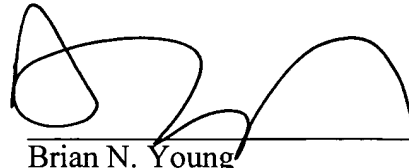
Applicants respectfully submit that claims 11-20 and 22 should be allowable for at least a similar rationale as discussed with respect to claim 9. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims are in condition for allowance and an early Notice of Allowance is earnestly sought. The undersigned may

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be contacted at the telephone number below at the Examiner's convenience if it would help in the prosecution of this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

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